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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Bradstreets reports exceptional activity in all lines of business, with advance in prices of all leading staples; export trade is the largest in volume ever known. —— The bill to incorporate the American International bank defeated in the House of Representatives. —— Col. Wm. J. Bryan was a visitor at the House of Representatives yesterday, and was cordially welcomed.—Four companies of the Tenth U. S. infantry embarked at Charleston, S. C., for Havana. —— Confederate veterans organzation in Savannah, Ga., will unite with Grand Army men in a greeting to President McKinley upon his arrival in that city to-day. —— Transport Chester sailed from Savannah, Ga., with the Fourth Virgina regiment and officers of the second division of the Seventh corps, for Marianae Cuba; Roumania arrived from Havana with coal in her bunkers on fire. —— Steamer Cape Charles belonging to the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railroad Co., destroyed by fire at her wharf Norfolk, Va. —— A Madrid dispatch says that as the American Senate must ratify the treaty of peace the Spanish government should wait on this ratification and not cede territory the U. S. Senate may not accept. —— New York markets: Money on call steadier at 2½@2½ per cent., the last loan being at 2½ per cent.; cotton firm; middling uplands 5 13-16c; flour market was fairly active and stronger; wheat—spot firm, No. 2 red 77½c; corn—spot firm, No 2 42c; rosin firm; spirits turpentine strong at 42½@43c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 16.

Temperature: 8 A.M., 73 deg.; 8 P.M., 45 deg.; maximum, 53 deg.; minimum, 36 deg.; mean, 44 deg.

Rainfall for the day, .01; rainfall since 1st of the month up to date, 2.13.

Stage of water in the river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M., 5.3 feet.

Forecast for To-day.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—For Saturday: North Carolina: Light rains; light east winds.

Port Almanac---Dec. 17.

Sun Rises	7.04 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.47 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 43 M.
High Water at Southport	11.09 P. M.
High Water, Wilmington	1.30 A. M.

A giant gas tank burst in New York the other day. It wasn't Bourke Cochran. He is still intact.

The State of Illinois was eighty years old on the third of this month, and yet she becomes quite frisky at times.

The soldier vote is a luxury that costs something. There are 1,963 for New York county. As the boards of the various election precincts will have to be convened to count them the counting will cost about $45,000.

Rubber tires have been successfully tried on one of the big fire engines in New York city. The horses drew it noiselessly at a gallop, ran in and out of the street car tracks, and pulled it much more easily than they could before.

Hon. Chas. Grosvernor, Mr. McKinley's friend, is quoted as saying: "For my part I wish the Philippines were in the bottom of the sea." They are, but the trouble is the sea isn't deep enough to cover them where they are.

A Washington statistician has figured out that imperialism will cost us in the next three years, if present schemes are carried out, $799,000,000. The fact that he didn't make it $800,000,000 shows that he is not one of your lump-job calculators.

Having failed to fry the fat out of the friars they hold as prisoners, the Filipinos are now reported to be resorting to torture, perhaps with the expectation that this will influence the friends of the friars to hurry up with the head money. If these reports be true, the Filipinos are showing themselves to be pretty refined savages.

South Dakota is going to try the dispensary as an experiment to break up the liquor traffic. The question was submitted to the people at the last election, and the returns showed a majority of 1,613 in favor of it. The liquor will be purchased by the State, inspected, priced and put on sale in dispensaries conducted by officers appointed by the State.

An old fellow in Georgia, who didn't have much confidence in the veracity of tombstones nor much more in obituary sermons proposed to have the matter straight as far as he was concerned and therefore insisted on having a rehearsal of his funeral sermon while he was around to enjoy it, his object being, as he stated, if the preacher put it on too thick to call him to taw, and bring him down to the facts and plain unvarnished truth. That's the way he celebrated his 85th birthday.

When a good man dies he is the gainer, his fellow men the losers. When J. H. Mills, the founder of Oxford Orphan Asylum, died at the Thomasville Orphanage, last Thursday, aged 67 years, a good man died, one whose death will be a severe loss, and sincerely mourned by the thousands who knew him and knew the good to work which he had so unselfishly devoted his life. He was a friend to humanity and a tender father to the orphan, to whose care he devoted the best years of his life, and for whom he never tired in working. They will miss him, and they with the thousands of others who in his many years of labor, learned to know and love him, will pray peace to his ashes, and give honor to his memory.

There is a law in Maryland under which the widow and children of a murdered man may recover damages from the murderer if convicted. A jury in Baltimore has just given the widow of a man who was killed by another man a verdict of $5,000 damages, which will come out of the estate of the convicted slayer. That is a good law.

Hon. Cornelius N. Bliss, Secretary of the Interior, will soon resign from the Cabinet. The Washington climate doesn't agree with him. There are plenty of others, however, who will be willing to take a whack at the climate.

Two English farmers, brothers, have succeeded in crossing Asian spelt and Fife wheat, the result being a much stronger stalk and nearly twice as much grain as the best wheat hitherto grown.

A man who is as fond of sea crossing as Tom Ochiltree, of Texas, should be a sailor. He has just crossed the Atlantic for the fifty-fourth time.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Notice—City ordinance.
W. B. Cooper—Special.
Jas. D. Nutt—At night.
A. Paul.—Fruit and candy
King Grocery—Santa Claus.
S. W. Sanders—Christmas goods.
J. H. Rehder & Co—Write for prices.
Mechanics' Home Asso'n—Subscribe

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Women's Exchange—Fireworks.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mrs. Thomas Settle, of Greensboro, arrived in the city yesterday.

— Mr. J. A. Dew, of Berta, Pender county, was one of the welcome visitors to the city yesterday.

— Mr. S. K. DeVaney will leave to-day for Palestine, Texas, where he goes to spend the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. S. B. DeVaney.

— Mr. M. A. Whisnant, travelling salesman for Mr. W. B. Cooper, returned yesterday from a two weeks, business trip in the adjacent counties.

— Mr. J. W. S. Robinson, of Clinton, State Senator-elect from the Fourteenth district, was in the city yesterday and made a very pleasant call to the STAR office in the afternoon.

— Mrs. J. W. Kramer and daughter, Miss Mary Lee, left yesterday afternoon on the 3:45 A. C. L. train for Macon, Ga., where they will spend some time the guests of relatives. Rev. Mr. Kramer will be in the city for some time yet.

— Mr. C. P. Mebane, who is well and favorably known as a member of the Wilmington division Naval Reserves, will embark on the British steamer *Hindoustan* to-day for Bremen, Germany., on a pleasure and business trip.

Dedication Services.

The new Southside Baptist Church will be dedicated this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The pastor, Rev. F. H. Farrington, will be assisted in the dedication services by Rev. Jno. E. White, corresponding secretary of the Baptist State Mission Board; Rev. O. L. Stringfield, of the Baptist University for Young Ladies, at Raleigh, and Dr. Blackwell, of the First Baptist Church. Rev. Mr. White will preach the sermon. The pastors and congregations of city churches are invited to attend. The Sunday school will be held in the new building at 11 o'clock.

Have Moved to Richmond.

Mr. James Calder and daughter, Miss Nellie, and other members of the family, except Mrs. Calder, have left the city for Richmond, Va., which they will make their future home. Mrs. Calder will join them after the Christmas holidays. A host of admiring friends regret exceedingly to lose Mr. Calder and his interesting family from their midst. Last Sunday afternoon the First Baptist Sunday school adopted resolutions regretting the loss of Mr. and Mrs. Calder and Miss Nellie, and heartily commending them as especially faithful and efficient Sunday school workers.

To City Subscribers.

City subscribers are earnestly requested to report promptly at the STAR office every failure of the carriers to deliver their papers. In all such cases steps will be taken to insure prompt and regular delivery.

GUESTS OF HONOR.

Lieutenants Anderson and Blue Receiving Lower Cape Fear's Traditional Hospitality.

ENTERTAINMENT YESTERDAY.

Were the Guests of Mr. James Sprunt Last Night — Will be Given an Oyster Roast on the Sound To-day.

Lieutenants Edwin A. Anderson and Victor Blue are still the recipients of that cordial hospitality for which the people of Wilmington and the lower Cape Fear are so justly famed. They seem to be thoroughly enjoying their stay in this the "Gateway to the Old North State."

Lieutenant Blue had intended to leave the city with his sister yesterday afternoon to visit his mother at Marion, S. C., but found that it would be impossible for him to make the trip until to-day, so that he and Miss Blue will leave on the 3.45 o'clock A. C. L. train this afternoon. The Lieutenant will return to the city 12.20 Sunday afternoon.

Received Visitors Yesterday.

Both the gallant heroes spent the greater portion of yesterday on their respective gunboats—Lieutenant Anderson on the *Sandoval* and Lieutenant Blue on the *Alvarado*—receiving visitors, of whom there were very many. Quite a number of pleasant parties of ladies, some with gentlemen escorts and some without, called at the two gunboats, and for every one there was a hearty welcome. Every possible courtesy was extended. Even the sailors entered heartily into their entertainment, showing the visitors over the vessels, pointing out and explaining the many features of interest on board and telling interesting stories connected with them, in that whole hearted manner peculiar to seafaring men.

Every visitor who desired, and there were few if any who did not, was given some apparent souvenir of the occasion.

Entertained by Mr. James Sprunt.

The most notable feature of entertainment accorded the heroes since the brilliant ladies' reception tendered by the Cape Fear Club Thursday afternoon, was by Mr. James Sprunt, of Alexander Sprunt & Son and British Vice Consul, at his splendid residence on Front street.

Lieutenants Anderson and Blue and a pleasant party of their most intimate friends and relatives were invited there last night to take supper and spend the evening.

Miss Blue, sister of the Lieutenant, was invited, but could not be present on account of a slight illness. Barring the disappointment at the absence of Miss Blue, the evening was one of thorough enjoyment. Of all the hospitable people on the Lower Cape Fear there are none who bear a more enviable reputation as truly charming entertainers than do Mr. and Mrs. James Sprunt. Last night's event, while rather informal and unpretentious, is pronounced by every guest a real gem for pleasureableness.

Programme For To-day.

This forenoon Lieutenant Anderson and a party of his friends and relatives will go down to Wrightsville Sound and spend the day. An old-time oyster roast and a visit across the sound to the beach will be features of the day's pastimes. It is possible that Lieutenant Blue may spend the forenoon with them, and he will, as announced, leave here on the 3:45 P. M. train with his sister for Marion, returning tomorrow.

The voyage to Norfolk to join the North Atlantic squadron will be resumed Monday, via the inland route.

FUNERAL OF MRS. HARRELL.

Conducted Yesterday Afternoon From Residence of Her Brother.

At 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon the funeral of the late Mrs. Louisa Harrell was held from the residence of her brother, Mr. A. H. Morris, No. 805 Chesnut street. The services were conducted by Rev. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, of which the deceased was a consistent and valued member for quite a number of years.

The interment was made immediately afterwards in Bellevue Cemetery, where a host of friends had gathered to witness the sad and impressive ceremony. Many pretty floral tributes were laid upon the grave after the services were over, showing the marked respect in which she was held, by those with whom she was associated.

The pall bearers who acted upon this sad occasion were Messrs. Freeman LeGwin, Wenty Scarborough, S. L. Yopp, J. H. Holton and S. W. Holden.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W., C. & A. Railroad—601 bales cotton, 15 casks spirits turpentine, 27 barrels rosin.

C. F. & Y. V. Railroad—97 bales cotton, 12 casks spirits turpentine, 75 barrels tar.

W., N. & N. Railroad—17 casks spirits turpentine.

Steamer A. P. Hurt—8 bales cotton, 8 casks spirits turpentine, 90 barrels rosin, 79 barrels tar, 3 barrels crude turpentine.

Steamer E. A. Hawes—3 bales cotton, 17 casks spirits turpentine, 75 barrels rosin, 199 barrels tar.

Underwood's Flat—253 casks spirits turpentine.

Total—Cotton, 709 bales; spirits turpentine, 69 casks, rosin, 445 barrels rosin, 353 barrels tar, 3 barrels crude turpentine.

IMPROVEMENTS IN TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT.

The Wilmington Bell Exchange to Have Enlarged Switchboard and Three 104-Wire Cables by February 1st.

Manager Frank L. Woodruff, of the Wilmington Bell Telephone Exchange, is making decided improvements in the company's equipment here. Among the most noteworthy are the suspending of large 104-wire cables along several of the principal streets, to do away with the present complicated network of wires brought about, by the growth of the Exchange service and the enlargement of the switchboard from a 460 thimble capacity to 670 thimbles.

Large forces of hands are busy putting up poles on Water street from Princess to Nun and on Second street from Princess to Orange. The poles are much larger and taller than those heretofore used here by the company, being an average height of about 60 feet, about 24 inches in circumference at the top and 65 inches at the base. These poles raise the telephone wires much higher than the light and other wires strung along the same street.

It is on these new poles that the big 104-wire cables are to be suspended. One cable is to extend from the Exchange, corner Princess and Front streets, down to Water and thence down to Nun street, and all wires in that section are to be concentrated into the cable.

Another big cable is to be suspended from the Exchange up to Second street and thence over the new poles down Second to Orange street. Into this cable the wires running out in that section of the city are to be confined.

It is also Mr. Woodruff's purpose to construct another line of cable, similar to those now being placed, from the exchange up Princess street to Seventh.

In speaking of the work, last night, Mr. Woodruff said that he expected to have the polls all up, the cables suspended and the switchboard extension from 460 to 670 thimbles in place not later than February first.

AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

Dr. Hoge and Mr. W. A. Riach Issue a Card to Wilmington Lyceum Members.

The STAR announced yesterday the consolidation of the Wilmington Lyceum course of lectures with the Y. M. C. A. Star Course of musical entertainments as that the members of both organizations will have advantage of the six events embraced in the two courses. The following official announcement by the president and secretary and treasurer of the Wilmington Lyceum is of special interest, to wit:

To the Members of the Wilmington Lyceum:

It became necessary for the Lyceum to cancel its engagement with Professor Elson on account of the difficulty the Bureau had in arranging dates. We found also that on account of the delay in collecting the annual dues of members it became desirable to consolidate our course for this year with the Star Course of the Y. M. C. A., which found itself in the same condition from the same cause. It was believed far better for the community that the two courses should be consolidated than that both should fail.

We will be able, consequently, to give three lectures and to give our members the benefit of three concerts of the Star Course, the first of which is the Rudger College Glee Club on December 27th. That you may get the full benefit of the course you should pay Mr. W. A. Riach, secretary and treasurer, the annual dues of five dollars ($5.00) before that date, for which he will issue you three tickets entitling to the admission to the Lyceum lectures and the Star Course concerts. The two lecturers which we now have engaged are Hamilton W. Mabie, for February, and George Kennon, in March. We are in correspondence with distinguished lecturers and will announce name and date of the third lecturer.

Hoping that our members will promptly respond to this arrangement, we are Yours, very truly,

PEYTON H. HOGE, President.
W. A. RIACH, Secretary and Treasurer.

FOOTBALL YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

The O. U. D's. Defeated the Chesnut Streeters in a Lively Contest.

An interesting game of football was played on the O. A. N. grounds yesterday afternoon, the contending teams being the O. U. D's. and the Second Chesnut Streeter's. The score stood 6 to 0 in favor of the O. U. D's., although the Chesnut Streeters gave them a lively tussle for the honors.

The star plays for the O. U. D's, were made by Emerson, Armstrong, Peck, Davis, P., and Davis L. Davis C., Green and Lodor did the pretty playing for the Chesnut Streeters.

The teams lined up as follows:

O. U. D.		Chesnut Street.
Meares	l e	Galloway
Orrell	l t	Spence
Storm	l g	Frederick
Bailey	c	Rheinstein
Peck	l g	Catlett
Bell	r t	Peschau
Armstrong (capt.)	r c	Schulken
Smith	q b	Myers
Emerson	l h b	Davis, C.
Davis, L.	f b	Green (capt.)
Davis, P.	r h b	Lodor

Umpire, Foster; Referee, Carpenter; Linesman, Jewett.

Mayor's Daily Court.

Mayor Waddell disposed of only two cases at yesterday's session of the City Court. W. H. Lane, the colored ex-soldier, was fined $2.65 and costs for being disorderly on the afternoon previous. Mary Whitfield, also colored, was fined a similar amount for being drunk and disorderly.

LOCAL DOTS.

— The teachers and pupils of St. John's Sunday School are requested to meet this morning at 10 o'clock in the chapel.

— The Immanuel sewing school and kindergarden both report increased attendance and excellent work by teachers and pupils.

— This year's cotton crop receipts on the Wilmington market are 7,646 bales greater than the receipts up to the corresponding time in 1897.

— The British steamship *Hindoustan*, Capt. Flaws, cleared yesterday for Bremen with a cargo of 9,042 bales of cotton from J. H. Sloan.

— Maria Lawrence, colored, was tried for disorderly conduct yesterday by Justice Fowler. Judgment was suspended upon payment of costs.

— The schooner *Jno. D. Hall*, which has been discharging cargo at Southport, arrived in this port yesterday to Messrs. Geo. Harriss, Son & Co.

— Attention is invited to the announcement of the Woman's Exchange, 119 South Fifth street, under head of Business Locals on fourth page.

— The Raleigh *News and Observer* indorses the appointment of Col. B. S. Royster as Adjutant General and says he is in every way qualified for the place.

— Ex-policeman C. H. Gilbert, who was banished from Wilmington during the recent "revolution," returned to the city from Washington yesterday morning.

— A slight improvement is reported in the condition of Master Allie M. Alderman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. W. Alderman, who has been dangerously ill for the past five weeks.

— Rev. P. C. Morton, of Immanuel Presbyterian Church, conducted a series of meetings at South Run, near Garland, during the last week. The meetings were held by order of the Presbytery.

— The price of spirits turpentine is still advancing. It was quoted firm yesterday at 39½@40 cents, which is the highest quotation recorded at the Produce Exchange since February 29th, 1892, when it was quoted at the same figures.

— The price of cotton is still unchanged. The receipts yesterday were 709 bales. The weekly statement posted at the Exchange shows that for the week 10,347 bales have been received; corresponding week last year, 14,111 bales.

— One of the STAR's good friends urges that if you wish to have a good Christmas, be happy yourself and make some one else happy; if there are poor in your immediate neighborhood be sure to remember them with gifts while enjoying the good things of this life.

AFFAIRS IN RALEIGH.

Gov. Russell's Appointment of Col. B. S. Royster as Adjutant General—Board of Agriculture.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., December 16.

Governor Russell has caused surprise by appointing Col. B. S. Royster, of Oxford, adjutant general. A better or more popular selection, if one can judge by the opinions expressed here, could not have been made. Col. Royster has had twelve years experience in the State Guard and knows the work thoroughly. He is an uncompromising Democrat, but, of course, politics should not be considered in the State Guard.

The State Board of Agriculture is still in session here, although they have done nothing of importance. The Board rejected a suggestion from the executive committee to keep the museum open Sundays. The legislative committee named is Harris, Sprinkle and Joyce.

Warden Russell, of the State prison, in his report to the superintendent, which will be incorporated in the superintendent's report to the Assembly, strongly urges a reformatory for youthful convicts. There are over two hundred minors on the Caledonia farm now. Only this week a white boy—Bud Wright—aged eleven years, arrived at the prison to serve a five-year sentence for setting fire to a little girl's clothes, burning her so that she died. Mr. Russell says that these children grow rapidly worse as soon as they reach the prison.

A MAXTON MARRIAGE.

Mr. A. A. McLeod to Wed Miss Meddie Stewart Burns.

Invitations were received in this city yesterday announcing a marriage to be celebrated at Maxton on Wednesday, the 28th inst. The bride and groom-elect are among Maxton's very best people. The invitations read as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Burns
request the honor of your company
at the marriage of their daughter,
Meddie Stewart,
to
Mr. Adolphus A. McLeod,
on Wednesday,
December the Twenty-eighth,
Eighteen hundred and ninety-eight,
at five o'clock P. M.,
at the Presbyterian Church,
Maxton, N. C.

Back From the North.

Mr. Warren S. Johnson has returned from Northern markets where he went to purchase a stock of books, stationery and holiday goods, which he will shortly open on Market street in the store formerly occupied by Heinsberger's bookstore. Carpenters are now making necessary repairs and changes in the store-room, and Mr. Johnson expects to be open for business just as soon as possible.

THE CRUISER HORNET.

Commander Morton and Crew of Naval Reserves Leave for Norfolk.

TO BRING HER TO THIS PORT.

The Formal Delivery of the Boat to N. C. Reserves May be Made Here—Will Arrive Probably Monday—The Reserves Jubilant.

Provided there is good weather and no delay in the departure of the vessel from Norfolk to-day, the splendid cruiser *Hornet*, loaned to North Carolina's Naval Reserves Battalion, will be in this port some time Monday afternoon.

Commander Geo. L. Morton and other officers and Naval Reserves who are to man the cruiser for the voyage to Wilmington, left, according to previous announcement, at 7.15 last night for Norfolk. Including several negroes who were carried along to fill some of the menial positions, there were forty-two men. They were provided with a special passenger coach and a baggage car. The Reserves were a merry company, and abundantly evidenced the fact that they were bent on a thoroughly good time. Their mission is a pleasant one and they will make the most of it.

In speaking of the voyage from Norfolk to Wilmington, Lieutenant McIlhenny said last night that he thought it would be necessary for the cruiser to breast the breakers around Hatteras inasmuch as she draws about twelve feet of water. In reference to the formal delivery of the boat to Commander Morton for the State and Naval Reserves, by the Navy Department, he said that it had not, up to the time of the departure of Commander Morton and his crew for Norfolk, been fully determined whether the transfer would be made in Norfolk or in Wilmington. The probability is, he thinks, that the change will be made here. In that event the vessel will be accompanied here by two United States Navy officials, and the voyage made at Uncle Sam's risk. The *News and Observer's* Norfolk correspondent says that the two naval officers who will accompany the cruiser here, if any do, will be Lieut. J. L. Quinby and Assistant Engineer L. B. Perkins.

No arrangement has yet been made here for a dock for the *Hornet* and probably will not be until after she arrives.

Mr. H. M. Emerson, of the Atlantic Coast Line, left for Norfolk yesterday morning and will be the guest of Commander Morton on board the *Hornet* during the voyage to Wilmington. Mr. W. M. Divine accompanied the commander last night and will also return with him on the boat.

Lieutenant T. M. Morse, navigator for the Naval Battalion, and Lieutenant J. J. Adkins, of the Southport Division, came up from that town yesterday with twelve others of the Southport Naval Reserves and went to Norfolk as a part of the company who will man the cruiser.

The STAR published a list of the officers and seamen who will man the *Hornet*, on the voyage, several days ago.

No arrangements have yet been made for any demonstration on the occasion of the arrival of the boys with the vessel.

WILL BE A DOUBLE MARRIAGE.

One of the Grooms-elect a Travelling Salesman Well Known Here.

There will be a double marriage in the First Baptist Church at Winston, on the afternoon of Thursday, December 29th. The following invitations were received here yesterday, to wit:

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Webster
give in marriage their
daughters
Addie May
to
Milton Vergil Miller,
and
Nellie Vance
to
Arthur A. McCray,
Thursday afternoon, December 29th,
Eighteen hundred and ninety-eight,
Four o'clock, at First Baptist Church,
Winston, N. C.

Mr. Miller, one of the grooms-elect, has many friends in this city, he having spent some time here as a travelling salesman for the Brown Bros. Tobacco Company.

A VERY GRACEFUL ACT.

On the Part at Hon. F. H. Busbee and Hon. B. F. Long.

Raleigh Post.

That was a very graceful act, just such as they are only capable of, on the part of Hon. Fab H. Busbee, of this city, and Hon. B. F. Long, of Statesville, in tendering their services to such citizens of Wilmington as it was proposed to prosecute for recent occurrences in that city. While it is not at all probable that their services will be needed, as no prosecutions are likely to occur, yet this proffer was graceful, and as gracefully appreciated by the noble community involved.

And here it is but just to again commend the action of Judge Purnell in removing Bunting and appointing a decent man in his place. This nipped any move which may have been intended for the harrassment of the people of Wilmington in the bud for which he deserves, as he receives, the thanks and commendation of all the people.

— The regular, *bona fide* circulation of THE MORNING STAR is much larger than that of any other daily newspaper published in Wilmington.

SANTA CLAUS

Comes once a year. Sometimes he forgets, however, to make all of his selections, and we suggest that he calls on us, to see our fine lot of TURKEYS and CHICKENS, dressed if you desire. EGGS at 20c Also, country Produce of all descriptions. Our prices and the freshness are never questioned, because we are near the cart houses and buy for cash.

FRUIT CAKES are in season. We have the ingredients. Toothsome articles for the little ones, also. In fact, everything in the Grocery line can be found at

THE KING GROCERY CO.,
B. F. KING, MANAGER,
'Phone 387. Fourth Street Bridge.
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THEY WILL CHERISH MANY FOND MEMORIES.

And Thus Live Again Happy Days Spent in Wilmington—Rev. Mr. Langston's Family Soon Goes to Durham.

Rev. G. D. Langston, late pastor of Bladen Street Methodist Church, will leave the city to-day for his new charge at Durham, the West Durham Methodist Church. His family will remain in this city possibly for two or three weeks yet, until Rev. Mr. Langston can arrange for them to move into the West Durham Church parsonage.

The people of Wilmington regret very much to lose Rev. Mr. Langston and his interesting family from their midst, and that they reluctantly leave this pleasant and flourishing "Gateway to the Old North State," is fully attested by the following admirably written communication from the pen of Rev. Mr. Langston's talented daughter, addressed to the editor of THE MORNING STAR, to-wit:

When we recount the good things which have fallen to our lot since we came to this grand old Southern city, our hearts swell with gratitude to God, who permitted us to be sent among such a generous and hofpitable people.

Their constant efforts to contribute to our happiness has been unceasing during the entire year, and though we have witnessed scenes that saddened our hearts and brought tears to our eyes—for in some respects it has been such a hard year—the different wars have caused time and labor to depreciate, and as the father must suffer with his children, the shepherd with his flock, so must the pastor with his people. The deeper their suffering, the deeper necessarily must be his. Yet the joy of having such true and tried friends ever taking advantage of their opportunites to give us an encouraging word or a loving smile to bring the sunshine to us!

At times the clouds gathered—all was dark—too dark it seemed for one ray of light to pierce, and yet the hand of God always tore the clouds apart and brightened the whole earth with His smile.

The balmy air, delightful climate and healthy locality has been so beneficial to every member of our family, that we instinctively shrink from a colder region.

However, the message came bidding us go, and with sorrow do we leave a home which has already become so dear to our hearts. We are so thankful for that faculty (memory) which will enable us to live again the happy days spent in this part of our Master's Vineyard. May the Christian's God continue to protect this city by the sea, and finally reign supreme in every home.

And we would not forget to wish the greatest success to "THE MORNING STAR." May it shine brighter and brighter until intelligence and competency shall assume control of our dear old North State.

S. S. L.

Church Notices.

Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Sixth and Queen streets. There will be the usual services on Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

Regular religious services at Seamen's Bethel will be conducted to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. W. L. Cuningim. Seamen and rivermen are especially invited. All are welcome.

Fifth Street Methodist Episcopal Church: Services 11 A. M. and 7.30 P. M.; sermons by R v. R. F. Bumpass, newly appointed Presiding Elder for Wilmington District.

First Presbyterian Church, Rev. Peyton H. Hoge, D. D., pastor. Divine service at 11 00 A. M. and 8.00 P. M. Sunday School at 3 30 P. M. Prayer meeting on Thursday at 8.00 P. M. Seats free

South Side Baptist Church, corner Fifth and Wooster streets, Rev. F. H. Farrington, Pastor. Services Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday School at 3.30 p. m. Weekly Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 7.30.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, corner Fourth and Campbell streets, Rev. A. D. McClure, pastor. Preaching at 11 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sabbath School at 3.30 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday, 8.00 P. M.

Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Rev. P. C. Morton, Pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday School at 3.30 p. m. Christian Endeavor Society every Wednesday night. Sewing School Tuesday and Saturday at 3.30 to 4.00 p. m.

Brooklyn Baptist Church, corner Fourth and Brunswick streets, Rev. J. W. Kramer, Pastor. Services to-morrow at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday School at 3.30 p. m. Weekly Prayer and Praise meeting Wednesday at 7.30 p. m. Strangers and visitors are cordially invited to all services.

First Baptist Church, corner of Market and Fifth streets, Dr. Calvin S. Blackwell, pastor. Eleven A. M. "Applied Christianity," the first of a series of morning sermons on the acts of the Apostles; at 7.30 P. M., the second of the seven sacred wonders, "The Wonders of Creation."

Grace Methodist E. Church, South, northeast corner of Grace and Fourth streets, Rev. A. P. Tyer, Pastor. Services to-morrow at 11 a. m. and 8.15 p. m. Sunday school at 4.30 p. m. Experience meeting at 10 a. m. in the lecture room. Weekly Prayer meeting and lecture Wednesday evening at 8.15 o'clock. Strangers and visitors are cordially invited to attend these services.

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The Unlucky Corner
Elegant Stock of Christmas Goods.
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3—Ordinary Fire-crackers, not over two inches in length, and ordinary Fireworks are permitted on the 24th and 25th December, on the 1st January, and 4th July, east of Front street.
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The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

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THE WAY OUT.

The cotton planters of Mississippi met in Vicksburg a few days ago to discuss the situation as it affects the planters and the ways and means to better their condition and lift their industry out of the depression from which it has been and is now suffering. Those who were present agreed pretty well as to the causes of this depression, at least such of them as are within the planters control, and they appointed their President, Mr. John A. Redhead, to prepare and issue an address to the planters and farmers of Mississippi embodying his and their views as to the remedy. We have not seen the address but find in the New Orleans *Times-Democrat* a synopsis of it as follows:

"The advice he gives the Mississippi farmer is the same that has been so often given before, to grow at home a full supply of all the food crops necessary to run the farm. In all parts of the State there are, he says, farmers who are pursuing this policy, raising their food crops and growing cotton as a surplus crop; and he thinks that their success should prove an object lesson and induce others to follow their example. He finds, for instance, that from 60 to 75 per cent of the farmer's expenses in making a crop are for articles that he could raise at home; and this is equally true of the large planter cultivating many thousand acres and the small farmer. If every cotton grower were to raise his own supplies, his own bread, meat, mules and horses, an abundance of corn and hay, with peas and potatoes, cotton would be strictly a surplus crop, and, with the decreased acrage that would result, a profitable one. This policy, Mr. Redhead thinks, would very soon put the farmers in good financial condition; and as soon as their financial situation is satisfactory, the cotton mills would come to the cotton fields, as they have done in the Carolinas. Speaking of those States, and making comparsion with Mississippi, Mr. Redhead says:

"In North and South Carolina the system of making the cotton a surplus crop has enabled the thrifty farmers to help build these mills, until now nearly every hamlet and water course has a mill on it, and the result is that in all this cry of hard times no one has heard any complaints from the manufacturing districts of the Carolinas. As a matter of fact they have carried the raising of home products so far that this last planting season the farmers were urged to plant more cotton, as the year before North Carolina manufactured more cotton than was raised within her borders. What a commentary that is on Mississippi."

The second proposition he lays down is that the cotton growers, besides raising their home supplies, should diversify their crops by fruit growing, truck farming and stock raising. He notes the objection raised by some of the farmers in the cotton district that when they raised a surplus corn crop they found no market for the corn, and he advises that if the corn be fed to hogs or cattle there will be no difficulty in disposing of it, for meat is always merchantable.

He says:

"Use your corn, cotton-seed meal and hulls together, and you have the cheapest and best feed in the world. Again, I would urge the hill farmer to keep sheep with his cattle. Kill off the herdes of worthless curs and go into sheep-raising. Nothing will pay you a better return for the amount of capital invested. Spring lambs are always in demand at good prices. The wool is a clear profit, while the good, wholesome mutton that one has for his own table is not the least inducements to go into sheep raising."

As for all cotton planting, "it is," he says, "a delusion and a snare, a gambling process, like dealing in futures. No sane man would spend all of his resources and energies in planting cotton if he could be assured that it would only bring him 4 cents when ready for the market. But, way down in his heart, he hopes and bets something will happen to the crop of his neighbor, or there will be a drouth in Texas, or an overflow, or some other disaster will overtake others, and he will be solid; and so do his neighbors reason, and all other cotton planters, and the result is an 11,000,000-bale crop."

We quote this not only because it is eminently sensible, and the advice of a practical planter to his brother planters of Mississippi, but because it applies with as much, and perhaps even more force to the planters of other States, which are not as well adapted to the growing of cotton as Mississippi is. That is one of the States in which it is said that cotton can be produced more cheaply than it can be in other States. If cotton, as a sole crop, can be grown profitably anywhere in the South it is in Mississippi and in portions of Texas, where, according to reports, the cost of production is not much more than half the average cost in other States. If diversified farming is necessary there, as Mr. Redhead shows it is, how much more necessary is it in other States which cannot compare with Mississippi as a cheap cotton producer?

It will be observed that he speaks to the planters of his State and advises them as to the course which they should pursue, without reference to what the planters of other States may think or do. He holds that as far as they are concerned the remedy is in their own hands and they must apply it, which is the proper view to take of it. It is folly to expect anything like general concert of action by the planters of such an extensive area, whose conditions are so different and whose views may be so different.

For several years efforts have been made to secure this concert of action. State conventions have been held and interstate conventions, at which resolutions were passed and addresses issued, and yet after these several years and these numerous and repeated efforts to reduce the acreage and the product, we find an 11,000,000 bale crop when a 7,000,000 bale crop would have been ample to meet the world's demand for consumption. Experience proves that it is useless to look for anything like a general concert of action throughout the cotton States and it proves also that if a beginning is ever to be made to get out of the "all cotton delusion" it must be made by the planters acting on their own judgment without reference to the planters of other sections or States, or waiting to see what they will do. In conditions like these every planter should act for himself and adopt that course which will take him out of the woods, whether others follow it or not. While it would be better for all to act, and to act in concert, for that would by reducing the output of cotton raise the price, still this is a matter in which every planter should act for himself and help himself, whether the price of cotton go up or go down.

We were not aware of the fact, as stated by Mr. Redhead, that from 60 to 75 per cent. of the expenses of the cotton planter in making the crop are for articles that could be made at home. This means that if these articles were raised at home the cotton crop could be produced for less than one-half its present cost, or at least that the planter would not have to spend half as much money to make it. This would make him independent of the money advancer, the man who thus gets a claim on his crop before it is grown, and would make him so independent that he could hold his cotton if the market price did not suit him, instead of sacrificing it, as so many do, to meet the obligations they had contracted to make the crop.

Isn't this reason enough why every sane man who aspires to be anything more than a slave of drudgery should abandon this "all cotton delusion" and give his attention to raising his home supplies? If it is a reason why the Mississippi cotton-grower should do it, isn't it a still stronger reason why the growers in States which are not so well adapted to the cultivation of cotton as Mississippi is should do it? Diversified farming is the way out of the depression.

NEGROES IN CHICAGO.

Some time ago we published a statement based on an investigation of the criminal statistics of the city of Chicago, from which it appeared that negroes showed up on the criminal records in numbers altogether out of proportion to the whites. It seems that there are in what is called the "black belt" of that city about 25,000 negroes. Writing of these a correspondent of the Richmond *Dispatch* represents their condition as much worse than it would be any where in the South, while the color line is being constantly more rigidly drawn, on the principle that "blood is thicker than water."

It is easy to understand why this should be so, for there if the negro seeks employment in the ordinary fields of labor he comes into conflict with white labor in an already overstocked labor market and then the race antagonism begins to show itself. Public sentiment, combined with their necessities, compels them to huddle together and live in localities where they can find cheap houses, and this encourages the establishment of groggeries, gambling dens and other attractions to cater to their tastes or depravity, and crime is the result of that. We have no doubt that this is one of the reasons why they show such a preponderating score in the criminal records.

But in those Northern cities, where the expenses of living are high, and provision must be made for the long, cold winters, when there is so much enforced idleness, thrift is necessary even by those who have employment, to provide the comforts of life, and thrift is not one of the characteristics of the average negro. The consequence is his condition is worse than it would be in the South, where he is better understood, where there is more sympathy for him, where his opportunities for employment are better and where living is much cheaper. The story of Chicago is to a greater or less extent the story of all Northern cities where the negroes have gathered in large numbers.

THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH.

We referred yesterday to the notable utterances by President McKinley in his speech before the Georgia Legislature. The speeches he made the next day in the Auditorium and at night at the banquet which closed the Jubilee proceedings were in keeping with his first speech. In his banquet speech he fully caught the pervading spirit and gave free wing to his thoughts and spoke as an American who knew no North, no South, no East, no West, but saw and thought of only one united and solidified country. All this was commendable and coming from a President of the United States, representing a party which has always, in a political sense at least, been arrayed against the South, is especially gratifying.

Aside from this the notable feature of these speeches was the plea made for expansion in which he spoke even more strongly than he did in his speeches on his Western tour last month. It is quite reasonable to suppose that he should be very much interested in the popular endorsement of a measure to which his administration has been so fully committed and quite natural that he should endeavor to win favor for it when he addresses public assemblages, but with all due respect and deference to him, and without any disposition to cavil, the President does not make a fair statement of the case when he substantially says that our duty to civilization and Christianity makes expansion and the holding of the territory which has come to us as a result of war imperative, that where the flag has been raised it must never come down.

This is appealing to a sentiment which was an afterthought and did not figure until it was discovered that these possessions might be of commercial value, and it was heralded that "trade would follow the flag." This is the true inspiration of expansion—the imaginary dollars there may be in it. Take this out and there would be very little of the civilization or Christianity plea left. It is just as well to be fair and candid in matters of this kind.

PERKINS ON THE PHILIPPINES.

Senator Perkins, of California, is a Republican, and, although he may vote for the ratification of the treaty by which we acquire a nominal ownership of the Philippines, he does not take any stock in the expansion business as to them and does not favor holding them. He was a sailor once and fell among some Filipinos of the Malay brand. He and his crew, who were besieged by them, finally succeeded in escaping, and he has never since had much use for any of that stock. They are, in his opinion, a Godless, lawless race, while the chief characteristics of the region they inhabit are hurricanes, earthquakes, and such pestilences as cholera, smallpox, etc.

Neither does he take much stock in the alleged commercial importance about which so much is said, to which in a recent speech he referred as follows:

"In 1896 the total exports of the islands amounted to only a little over $20,000,000. The revenue to Spain in that year aggregated only $13,500,000, even under Spanish taxation, and it cost $13 200,000 to collect this revenue, leaving a net balance of $300,000. When you remember that it cost us $8.000,000 last year to provide for 180,000 Indians in this country you can estimate how much it will cost us to maintain the Philippines with no balance from the islands from the islands in our favor."

From this statement, and it is borne out by confirmatory statements from other and official sources, it does not appear that Spain lost much when she ceded those islands for $20,000,000, but on the contrary that it was a pretty good trade for her by which she comes out considerable money ahead, and it doesn't appear, either, where the gain is for this country in that trade.

Aside from the twaddle about our duty to civilization and to Christianity, which is a mere sentimental pretence, if it be shown that there is no money in the possession of those hurricane, earthquake and pestilence incubators, the idea of holding them will be dropped with as much celerity as a man would drop a hot poker, the wrong end of which he had gotten hold of—provided we could drop; but the probabilities are that it may be another case of the fellow hanging on to the bear's tail—a good deal easier to hold on than to let go.

A Narrow Escape.

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart, of Groton, S. D. "Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs; cough set in and finally terminated in Consumption. Four Doctors gave me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Savior, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles. It has cured me, and thank God I am saved and now a well and healthy woman." Trial bottles free at R. R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store.

Regular size 50c and $1.00. Guaranteed or price refunded. †

Pains in the chest when a person has a cold indicate a tendency toward pneumonia. A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on to the chest over the seat of pain will promptly relieve the pain and prevent the threatened attack of pneumonia. This same treatment will cure a lame back in a few hours. Sold by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

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Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Clinton *Democrat*: Mr. J. O. Herring, of Lisbon, made 204 gallons of syrup on one third of an acre, containing 13 rows 76 yards long. This was made of the ribbon cane. The highest stalk was eight feet ten inches.

— Fair Bluff *Times*: Nearly a million pounds of tobacco has been sold and shipped from here, and a prominent merchant tells us that the number of bales of cotton shipped will reach four thousand before the close of the cotton season.

— Fayetteville *Observer*: 'Squire McLean informs us that he has been trying for the past week to secure a young colored man for waiter for a hotel in Sanford at a salary of $8.50 a month with board and lodgings and has been unable to do so. There are scores of young colored men whose principal occupation seems to be holding up the Market House and yet not one of them would accept the position.

— Scotland Neck *Commonwealth*: Mr. John L Kitchin, brother of Capt. W. H. Kitchin, died at the home of his brother-in-lay, Mr. W. K. White, Friday, Dec. 9, aged about 80 years.

—Mr. Soloman W. Pender died on the afternoon of Dec. 9th. He had been in poor health for some time, so that his death was not a surprise to his family. Mr pender was a brave soldier in the Confederate army, and carried the scars of battle to his grave. He was about 60 years old.

— Dunn *Union*: The receipts of cotton here this season have not been so large as last year, on account of the poor crop and decrease in acreage. —There has been a large acreage planted in wheat, we learn, through this section of the country. Our farmers are determinad to make more of their breadstuff at home. — The indications are that the trade in horses and mules will be light this season to what it has formerly been. The price of cotton is too low to buy anything that is not absolutely necessary.

— Weldon *News*: Weldon is to have a cotton mill. The stockholders of the newly organized company—to be known as the Weldon Manufacturing Company—held a meeting in the office of Mr. W. E. Daniel last Monday and organized for busidess by the election of the following named gentlemen as a board of directors: W. T. Shaw, A. M. Bolling, M. A. Smith, W. A. Pierce, W. E. Daniel, W. R. Smith and J. T. Gooch. The authorized capital will be $100,000. The charter is now being prepared and as soon as plans and specifications are ready bids will be invited. It is expected that bids for the construction of the building can be invited in about ten days. The plan will be a cambination yarn and knitting mill, employing in the beginning 150 hands.

CURRENT COMMENT.

— If the report of tha Hawaiian Commission is adopted by Congress there will be small room for complaint against the peculiar methods of Mississippi or the Carolinas to disfranchise unwelcome citizens.—*Pittsburg Dispatch, Rep.*

— Judging from the Chicago newspapers and the tone adopted by public speakers in protesting against ratification of the Yerkes street car concession by the city council, the Windy City is not so much averse to the Wilmington, N. C., method of municipal rule as its moralists would have the country believe. It all depends on whose ox is gored.—*Memphis Scimitar, Dem.*

— Public sentiment in Chicago appears to have defeated the street railway grab, but if so, it is because it was helped and largely directed by the Mayor. Even now the obnoxious bill would become a law by a large mojority of the City Council if the Mayor would sign it. This shows what a good Mayor, or one who is right for the time being, can do for a city.—*Philadelphia Ledger, Ind.*

— The legislature of Alabama will submit to the people of that State in July next the question of whether a convention shall be held to revise and amend the State constitution. Should the convention proposition be favorably acted upon, one of the most important matters considered by the convention would be the revision of the elective franchise, on lines simular to those followed by the states of Louisana, Mississippi and South Carolina.—*Savannah News, Dem.*

TWINKLINGS.

— "And why did she choose him among so many?" "The others did not propose."—*Baltimore Life.*

— "Cholly gave an intellectual feast last night." "You don't say!" "Yes, he entertained an idea."—*Jewish Comment.*

— She—"Bees will not hurt you if they know you." He—"Well, I'm sorry I was not introduced to one I met last summer, then; that's all I've got to say."—*Yonkers Statesman.*

— Club Secretary—"What have you against Mr. Snobson Jenkins—has he been abusing you?" Club Waiter—"It ain't so much 'is abuse, sir; it's the hungramatic way in w'ich 'e done it."—*Harper's Bazar.*

— A Play on Words: "Yes," she said bitterly, "you loved me then—and now?" She paused and sighed. "It is merely a revised passion," he calmly replied. "I still love you now and then."—*Cleveland Plain Dealer.*

— Bacon—"I understand the bats in the Philippine Islands are as big as cats, and with the wings spread measure three feet from tip to tip." Egbert—"The New York ball team might be able to hit something if it had a few of those."—*Yonkers Statesman.*

— Portrait Painter—"Let's see, what pose would you prefer?" Sitter—"Please depict me as holding a volume of my poems, which I am reading in an impassioned voice and with an inspired air that suggests also a delicate shade of modesty."

— The Senior Partner—"I don't like this ad." The Junior Partner—"What is the matter with it? I thought it was excellent." "It says that the sales of our unparalleled mineral water have increased so that we have been forced to double the output of our spring twice in five years."—*Cincinnati Enquirer.*

A REMEDY for Nasal Catarrh which is drying and exciting to the diseased membrane should not be used. What is needed is that which is cleansing, soothing, protecting and healing. Such a remedy is Ely's Cream Balm. To test it a trial size for 10 cents or the large for 50 cents is mailed by Ely Brothers, 56 Warren Street, New York. Druggists keep it. The Balm when placed into the nostrils, spreads over the membrane and is absorbed. A cold in the head vanishes quickly. †

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. Sold by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

MISS-MISS SPARED.

HE CAPTURED THE GRIZZLY JUST IN THE NICK OF TIME.

How the Hudson Bay Tribes Dispose of the Old and Indigent Members—This Old Warrior Sought Another Death and Got a New Lease In Life.

"There is but one beast that the Indians are really afraid of," said Egerton Young, the Baptist minister who recently returned from a long sojourn among the Hudson bay tribes, where he was the pioneer missionary. "That is the grizzly bear, the tiger of North America. Only once have I heard of a grizzly being captured alive, and in that case the feat saved the life of a famous old warrior.

"Among many of the Hudson bay tribes it is the custom for the ableboded to put to death the old men and women who are no longer able to do their share of the work. The old women are simply knocked on the head without ceremony. The process of getting rid of an old man is more elaborate. The Indians do not think it well to stain their hands with the blood of one who was once a warrior. So they delegate the task to their hereditary enemies, the wolves, to which they render all assistance in their power.

"When it has been decided at a solemn powwow that any particular old man is to die, instructions are given to a number of young men to take measures to get rid of him immediately. Among the executioners are always the sons of the condemned man. The day after sentence has been passed these executioners call on the veteran, attack him with stones and spears and drive him into the wilderness. There they leave him to his fate. A few days later they return and collect a few well gnawed bones, which they bring back with fitting ceremonies.

"Among all the warriors belonging to a tribe with which I made a long sojourn, none had a more glorious record than Miss-Miss. But Miss-Miss was getting old. His eyes were dim, his hands were slow, and rarely did he bring home a fat buck. Furthermore, food was scarce, and Miss-Miss retained an excellent appetite. One morning Miss-Miss got orders to be prepared to receive the next day a delegation of young braves led by his two stalwart sons.

"But Miss-Miss, though he had assisted in many such ceremonials in his day, had not yet come to consider himself old and useless. He was very angry. Just as Miss-Miss had done reviling the ingratitude of the young a boy rushed in to say that a huge grizzly was feeding a short distance from the camp. Here was the veteran's chance. All the braves were away at the hunt. Children and squaws and Miss-Miss were the sole occupants of the camp. He knew that to face a grizzly single handed was certain death, but it was the death of a man. So Miss-Miss armed himself with his spear and tomahawk and went forth to seek the bear.

"He had not far to go. Within a few hundred yards of the camp he espied the largest and leanest bear he had seen for years, making a scanty meal off dried roots. Crawling up as close as he could, he hurled his spear. The weapon struck the bear in the flank. As he had calculated, the wound had no further effect than to infuriate the brute and turn its attention upon him. Miss-Miss took his stand with his back to a tree, grasped his little tomahawk firmly and awaited death.

"Now, had it been an ordinary little black bear the peril of Miss-Miss would have been small. A black bear would have risen on its hind legs when it came to close quarters, and leaving its chest quite unprotected, tried to insert its paws between the man and the tree in order to hug him to death. All Miss-Miss would have had to do would have been to wait until it came within arm's length and plunge his hunting knife into its chest. One thrust would have been sufficient. But a grizzly is different. It strikes with its mighty claws. Miss-Miss awaited the onset. When the bear came to close quarters, it rose on its hind legs and made a mighty, sweeping blow at his body. Setting his teeth, Miss-Miss struck at its head with his tomahawk. The weapon was dashed from his grasp and he was hurled to the ground, but, much to his surprise, uninjured. Instead of the sharp claws in his side he had felt a mighty buffet as if from a huge boxing glove. Miss-Miss scrambled to his feet. The next glance explained matters. Like himself, the bear was a veteran. It had lost its claws long since. Miss-Miss dodged round and round his tree and from one tree to another. The bear, whose sight was dim with age, aimed blow after blow, with no other effect than that of bruising its paws against the trunks. The fight went on, and Miss-Miss' strength was giving way, when through an opening in the forest he espied the blaze of the campfires close at hand. The bear saw it, too, and with a grunt of disgust and disappointment turned round and trotted back into the depths of the forest to resume its meal.

"Miss-Miss hastened back to the camp and called the oldest of the boys together. 'Take your lassoes,' he cried, 'and we will capture a grizzly alive.' So out they went. When the party arrived within range, Miss-Miss whistled. The bear raised its head and the boys cast their lassoes. One noose fell over the brute's neck.

"When the braves returned in the evening, prepared to chase Miss-Miss into the wilderness, they found a huge, roaring grizzly tethered in the middle of the camp. No one of the tribe ever had done such a deed. They concluded the Great Spirit had willed that Miss-Miss should live, and Miss-Miss is alive today and in high honor with the tribe."—New York Sun.

Counting all classes of reserves, Germany can in 24 hours raise an army of 4,000,000 disciplined men.

Smoking in Germany is not a pastime. It is an art, and an art that has grouped about it a respectable number of industries. Every smoker carries a cigar case, a cigar clipper, matchbox and usually a little leather box for the cigar tips. The tips are collected by a society organized for the purpose in each province and are sold to the manufacturer for the benefit of charitable institutions.

Two Pointed Questions Answered.

What is the use of making a better article than your competitor if you can not get a better price for it?

Ans.—As there is no difference in the price the public will buy only the better, so that while our profits may be smaller on a single sale they will be much greater in the aggregate.

How can you get the public to know your make is the best?

If both articles are brought prominently before the public both are certain to be tried and the public will very quickly pass judgment on them and use only the better one.

This explains the large sale on Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The people have been using it for years and have found that it can always be depended upon. They may occationally take up with some fashionable novelty put forth with exaggerated claims, but are certain to return to the one remedy that they know to be reliable, and for coughs, colds and croup there is nothing equal to Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For sale by R. R. BELLAMY, Druggist. †

A GREAT HOTEL KITCHEN.

Where Everything Is Conducted Strictly and Orderly Discipline.

It is a large, brilliantly lighted place, full of people—cooks that shout at each other in shrill French and perform wonderful feats with copper skillets, and waiters with their black clothes, in strong contrast to the white caps and coats of the cooks, that send in and out, holding a tray in one hand and an order card in the other, dodging other waiters and shouting their wants to the chefs in French, who wouldn't pay any attention to them if they were not in French, while farther down the room are vegetable preparers mashing potatoes by the tubful, and on the other side a rabble of scullions rattling silver and scraping plates and cleaning dishes at the rate of several thousand an hour by the aid of the self drying process, which makes a cloud of steam.

The chefs of the various departments along the range snarl out directions to the undercooks, and the undercooks seek sizzling things off the fire and slap them back again with the apparent carelessness that defiance brings, reminding one of the seeming unappreciativeness of bank clerks tying up packages of bonds. And when they want another portion or two to fill a fresh order they shout across the room to the garde manger, and those at the garde manger repeat the order and shout "Bon!" and three or four of them yell in concert sometimes. Each tries to put more spirit into it than the other. Everything is organized bustle and orderly disorder, with the chef standing calmly in the center of the room watching everything. Occasionally he confers in a low tone with the head waiter as to the time to send up the 800 casseroles of Maryland terrapin to the banquet room, where these same noisy waiters will presently enter sedately and speak in whispers.

The chef is the acting commander not only of all these scenes of activity, but of the bakeshops and sweetmeat departments, with their various heads and subheads, and he is just as important as he is generally imagined to be and wears pearl buttons on his coat.—Jesse Lynch Williams in Scribner's.

A New Rag.

A curious relic of the old days of the paper duties which so much hampered journalistic enterprise in the first half of the present century is the first number of Berthold's Political Handkerchief, being a news sheet printed on cotton fabric instead of paper. It is dated London, Saturday, Sept. 3, 1831; price, fourpence. And the letterpress, which is fairly legible, is as remarkable as the material on which it is printed.

The tone of this news rag is intensely radical, but it reproduces the order of ceremonial to be observed at the coronation of King William IV and Queen Adelaide on the following Thursday, and it is announced that a proclamation to the people of Europe will appear in our "next cotton." It is embellished with a medallion woodcut of Napoleon crossing the Alps, but the ink in this pictorial effort was too much for the cotton, and the Alps are in a fog and the emperor on horseback very indistinct.

How a Bashful Man Got a Wife.

Blusher is the most bashful man I ever knew."

"How on earth then did he come to get married?"

"He was too bashful to refuse."—Boston Traveler.

The Sure La Grippe Cure.

There is no use suffering from this dreadful malady, if you will only get the right remedy. You are having pain all through your body, your liver is out of order, have no appetite, no life or ambition, have a bad cold; in fact, are completely used up. Electric Bitters is the only remedy that will give you prompt and sure relief. They act directly on your Liver, Stomach and Kidneys, tone up the whole system and make you feel like a new being. They are guaranteed to cure or price refunded. For sale at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. Only 50 cents per bottle. †

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WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT.

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BAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute	7	@	7¼
Standard	7½	@	7¾
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ ℔	13	@	13½
Sides ℔ ℔		@	8
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6½	@	6¾
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ ℔	5½	@	5¾
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6	@	6¼
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each		@	1 10
New New York, each		@	1 90
New City, each		@	1 10
BEESWAX ℔ ℔		@	22
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	5 00	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ ℔	15	@	18
Northern	18	@	25
CORN MEAL—			
Per bushel, in sacks	46	@	47
Virginia Meal	47	@	50
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle	80	@	85
CANDLES—℔ ℔—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	8	@	11
CHEESE—℔ ℔—			
Northern Factory	10½	@	11½
Dairy Cream		@	11
State		@	10½
COFFEE—℔ ℔—			
Laguyra	12	@	16
Rio	7½	@	9
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	5½
Yarns, ℔ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS—℔ dozen	17	@	18
FISH—			
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ half-bbl	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ℔ half-bbl	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	4 00	@	4 25
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel		@	3 00
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5	@	10
" Extra	4 25	@	4 50
FLOUR—℔ ℔—			
Low grade		@	3 00
Choice		@	3 50
Straight	3 75	@	4 00
First Patent	4 50	@	5 00
GLUE—℔ ℔	7½	@	8½
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bgs—White		@	70
Car-load, in bgs—White		@	46
Oats, from store	40	@	45
Oats, East Proof	40	@	45
Cow Peas	70	@	75
HIDES—℔ ℔—			
Green salted		@	6½
Dry flint		@	10
Dry salt		@	9
HAY ℔ 100 lbs			
Clover Hay		@	75
Rice Straw	40	@	45
Eastern		@	75
Western		@	75
North River		@	75
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	1½	@	2
LARD, ℔ ℔—			
Northern	5	@	7
North Carolina	6	@	10½
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 15	@	1 25
LUMBER (city sawed) ℔ M ft—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	30 00
Rough edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	23 00
Scantling and Board, com'n	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES ℔ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hogshead		@	25
Barbadoes, in barrels		@	28
Porto Rico, in hogsheads		@	27
Porto Rico, in barrels		@	29
Sugar House, in hogsheads	12	@	14
Sugar House, in barrels	14	@	15
Syrup, in barrels	12	@	18
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut, 60d basis	1 80	@	1 85
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
Clear Mess	10 50	@	11 00
Rump	10 00	@	11 00
Prime		@	10 50
ROPE, ℔ ℔	10	@	12
SALT, ℔ sack, Alum		@	1 10
Liverpool	75	@	80
American	70	@	75
On 12s ℔ Sacks			47½
SHINGLES, 7-inch, per M	5 00	@	6 50
Common	1 50	@	2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50	@	3 50
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Granul	5½	@	5⅝
Standard A		@	5¼
White Extra C	5	@	5¼
Extra C, Golden		@	5
C, Yellow		@	4¾
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	3½	@	7
STAVES, ℔ M—W O barrel	6 00	@	14 00
R O Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping		@	9 00
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
Mill, Fair		@	6 50
Common Mill	4 00	@	4 50
Inferior to ordinary		@	3 00
SHINGLES, N C Cypress sawed ℔ M 6x24 heart	7 50	@	8 50
" Sap	5 00	@	6 00
5x24 Heart	6 50	@	6 50
" Sap	4 00	@	4 50
6x24 Heart	8 00	@	8 50
" Sap	5 00	@	6 50
TALLOW, ℔ ℔	4	@	4½
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon, Northern	1 00	@	1 00
North Carolina	1 00	@	1 00
WOOL, per ℔—Unwashed	10	@	15

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 16.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Market firm at 40 cents for machine-made casks and 39½ cents per gallon for country casks.

ROSIN—Nothing doing.

TAR—Market firm at $1.10 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market firm at $1.30 per barrel for Hard, $2.30 for Dip and $2.30 for Virgin.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine firm at 31@30½c; rosin, quiet at $1.15, $1.20; tar firm, $1.05; crude turpentine steady, $1.40, $1.90, $1.90.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	69
Rosin	445
Tar	353
Crude Turpentine	3

Receipts same day last year.—86 casks spirits turpentine, 619 bbls rosin, 314 bbls tar, 39 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 5¼c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	2 13-16 cts. ℔ ℔
Good Ordinary	4 3-16 " "
Low Middling	4 13-16 " "
Middling	5¼ " "
Good Middling	5 9-16 " "

Same day last year middling 5¼c.

Receipts—709 bales; same day last year 2,678.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS — North Carolina — Prime, 45 to 55c per bushel of 28 pounds; extra prime, 60c; fancy, 65c. Virginia—Extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c; Spanish, 70@80c.

CORN—Firm, 42½ to 47½ cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—Lowland (tide-water) 90c@$1.10; upland, 65@80c. Quotations on a basis of 45 pounds to the bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 12 to 13c per pound; shoulders, 6 to 7c; sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch hearts and saps, $1.60 to 2.25; six-inch, $2.25 to 3.25, seven-inch, $3.50 to 6.50

TIMBER—Market steady at $2.50 to 6.50 per M.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 16.—Money on call steady at 2½@2½ per cent., the last loan being at 2½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3@4 per cent. Sterling exchange steady; actual business in bankers' bills at 484½ for demand and at 481½@481¾ for sixty days. Posted rates were 482¼ and 485½. Commercial bills 480¾. Silver certificates 59½@60½. Bar silver 59½. Mexican dollars 47. Government bonds strong; U. S. new 3's —; U. S. new 4's, registered, 128½; do. coupon, 128¾; U. S. 4's 111½; do. coupon, 112¼; do. 2's 99½; U. S. 5's, registered, 112½; do. 5's coupon, 113¾. State bonds firm; N. C. 6's, 125; do. 4's, 104.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 16.—Rosin firm. Spirits turpentine strong at 42½@43c.

CHARLESTON, December 16.—Spirits turpentine firm at 37c asked; no sales. Rosin quiet and unchanged; no sales.

SAVANNAH, December 16.—Spirits turpentine 40c; sales 70c; receipts 1,229 casks. Rosin firm; sales 1,432 barrels; receipts 3,439 barrels; quotations; A, B, C, D 95c@$1 00, F $1–00, G $1 10, H $1 25, I $1 35, K $1 50, M $1 80, N $1 70, window glass $2 00

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Dec. 4th, 1898. de 4 tf

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Vibrations Which May Cause Deafness, Dizziness, Nausea and Even Death by Heart Stoppage to Those In Close Proximity to the Monster Cannon.

Not one man in 10,000 has a clear idea of just what happens when a big cannon is fired. The physical manifestations are numerous. Even professors of chemistry and physics are stumped when they want to differentiate all the gases set loose and the peculiar effects they induce. The puff of whitish smoke, the flash of fire, the dim image of the flying projectile, the roar and the recoil are all familiar, but back of all these is a complex mass of phenomena most bewildering to the mind of any but an artillery expert.

First, the cubes, disks, hexagons or irregular lumps of powder are chemically transformed into a powerful, expanding gas the instant firing takes place. Then there are innumerable byproducts that even chemists do not understand.

It has been calculated that only about 43 per cent by weight of the powder is converted by the explosion into gas. The remaining 57 per cent becomes a liquid the moment of explosion, and on solidifying becomes potassium snlphate, potassium carbouate and potassium sulphide. A great many other combinations take place, and various solids are formed which have never been successfully analyzed.

The ordinary charges placed in the 12 inch guns of the United States warships during this complicated chemical transformation exert a pressure on the walls of the cannon of about 43 tons to the square inch. This force serves to start the projectile and develops a speed of 3,019 feet per second by the time the shot reaches the muzzle of the cannon. Up to this stage of the explosion the chemical action has gone on in perfect silence. The tremendous report which plays such havoc with the nerves of the gunners is not caused by the explosion itself. But as the projectile emerges from the muzzle it leaves behind it a vacuum in the barrel of the gun, and the report is caused by the air in its rush to fill up this empty space.

The forces exerted by these gases in expanding seem to radiate in all directions from the cannon, as ripples are caused by dropping a pebble in a pool of still water. As a matter of fact, it has been discovered that these lines of forces are exceedingly complicated affairs and play very queer pranks about the cannon. As a result, few people know just which is the safest or the most dangerous position for a gunner to take beside his gun. The center of disturbance at the moment of explosion is the mouth of the gun. In the case of the great 13 inch guns on our monitors a position back of the gun is much easier than one nearer the muzzle.

In addition to this force there is an immense pressure exerted on the sides of the cannon, so that another distinct series of shocks also radiates outward from the barrel of the gun. These are in turn more or less compensated by the forces of the air opposing them as it rushes into the mouth of the cannon when the projectile leaves it. As a result of all these forces the atmosphere is, of course, violently disturbed. Although no projectile strikes the gunner, who must stand by, it will be seen that the air is full of missiles in the form of invisible lines of force or vibrations which bombard, as it were, every part of the gunner's body at the same time.

An examination and analysis of the effect produced upon the human system and the mind by the firing of a cannon is most engrossing. Men generally accounted courageous tremble violently in their knees, others feel nauseated, some have severe headaches, a few have had their eardrums split or the action of their heart affected.

Take the vital organ, the heart, first. In the space between the right auricle and ventricle are a set of fine, threadlike cords called the tendinæ. The concussion makes them tremble like timbers in a building when there is an earthquake. In a weak man the chamber of the heart is left open for an instant, the opening and closing springs lose their control, the heart shakes, possibly the chordæ tendinæ are snapped, contraction or dilation of the organ ensues and in some instances death follows.

Deafness induced by an explosion may be traced to the sudden pressure upon the inner orifice of the ear and the tremendous vibration set up. The thin, transparent, fairly bright membrane called the drum of the ear is burst, like a piece of tissue paper held taut and forcibly blown upon, a temporary disturbance of the mind occurs and the sufferer becomes dizzy.

When the knees tremble, it is due to the nervous shock produced in the cerebellum. All the nerves and muscles are thrown into atonic contractions and relaxations and the knees appear to give way.

Nausea is also caused by the physiological change that takes place in the brain. There is a pressure of blood there, and the stomach, responding, tries to empty itself.

The whole nervous system, which resembles a mass of fibrous roots running all over the body, is affected when a cannon as large as an 8 inch gun is fired in close proximity.

Other outward manifestations occur when a gun goes off. For instance, clothes may be torn or a man even knocked down by the concussion. At the battle of the Yalu Captain Philo McGiffin, who was standing near a 6 inch gun, had his trousers torn into ribbons on one leg and a long rent in the other, his uniform was as full of holes as a moth eaten jacket, and he was nearly blinded and stunned.—New York World.

Embarrasing For Him.

An unusual incident occurred at a recent Alleghany wedding. The bride and groom were both well known to the officiating minister, the former especially being almost as close to him as a daughter. After the ceremony was over the best man handed to the clergyman an envelope in which was inclosed the fee for his services. The minister's back was toward the other guests in the room, and the incident would have probably passed unnoticed but for what followed. Turning to the happy and blushing bride, he said, "Here, my dear, is my wedding present," and handed her the envelope without having opened it. The bride, of course, was delighted, while the feelings of the groom would probably have been a little more difficult to analyze. —Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

The Savage Bachelor.

The Sweet Young Thing—I do not believe in long engagements.

The Savage Bachelor—Neither do I. They are too much like the modern style of prizefighting, with its violent excess of talk before the real fighting begins.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

He Couldn't Hide It.

After years of bachelor life the major married and he tells of the wedding trip himself:

"Of course I flattered myself that I knew the ropes. I had officiated at weddings by the score. I had times without number felt a sort of contemptuous pity for the insanely happy young husband with 'bridegroom' written all over his face, who made such blundering attempts to carry the airs of an old family man. I knew just how the thing should be done, and I would do it.

"I had no trouble in bribing the baggage master to strip our trunks of love knots and old shoes, so that we were not advertised when we reached the city. This winning of the first round gave me an assurance that must have impaired my caution. Her brother was with us. At the hotel I boldly registered his name with 'and sister' following it, and then wrote my own name. When it came to placing us, I made some offhand explanations, but the eyes of the night clerk twinkled and I could have throttled him.

"The next morning, when I shook out my new umbrella to take a walk alone, just as well seasoned husbands do, I rattled rice all over the tile floor in the office. Of course I explained to the day clerk that I had been attending a wedding and must have taken the bridegroom's umbrella by mistake, but he smiled knowingly, the hangers on laughed and some urchin in the corner yelled 'Rats!' At dinner my wife said she never knew before that I took wine after meat, and the waiter grinned a polite grin. When, in my rattled condition, I gave him a $10 goldpiece for half a dollar, I threw off all disguise. At the next stop I told them we were just married, that we wanted every attention, and that expense out no figure."—Detroit Free Press.

HE LOVES THE URBAN.

J. A. MacNeill Whistler Is Essentially a Painter of the Town.

Whistler rejoices in the harmony of form and color wherever it confronts him, in the tumble down shop as in the noble palace, in the disorder of the market place as along the terraces of the stately garden. Mr. Whistler has made many portraits on the stone, he has worked much out of doors, but his motive has ever been suggested by the pictorial aspect of men and women and the world he lives in. His concern is with the realities of life, that poetry may be the result—the poetry of paint or pencil.

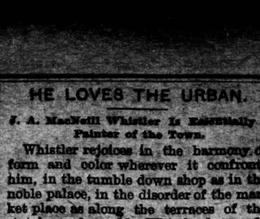
To him the country is scarce less an enemy than it was to the De Goncourts, who saw in it one large charnel house. Town has ever had for him a more irresistible charm. London, of

The mysterious distances, the glooms
Romantic, the august
And solemn shapes:

Paris, the elegant, the dainty, the distinguished city of vast vistas and terraced gardens, have held him by a more potent spell than plowed field and meadow land, than green valleys winding among the hills. He would rather see the fog lifting and falling on the street's long facade than the cloud shadows drifting across the mountain side. He would find more majesty in the forest of masts along the quays than in the greenest depth of Fontainebleau or Sherwood. In the city he has painted his nocturnes, and it is the city that has been the inspiration of his needle. With the exception of a very occasional etching, I do not remember a landscape by Mr. Whistler. And, as with his paintings and plates, so with his lithographs. When he has worked out of doors, it has been in London or Lyme Regis, in Paris or Vitre.—Elizabeth Robins Pennell in Scribner's.

Gothic Headgear.

The curious fact was mentioned in a recent lecture on costume that in mediæval times, when the Gothic style of architecture prevailed, women wore what might aptly be called Gothic headgear. The tall cones, some of them measuring fully four feet in height, with veils depending, were in the same lines as the castles and tombs of the day. The lecturer commented, too, on the extravagance of those former days, which far exceeded the criticised lavishness of our own times. When has the nineteenth century equaled the expenditure of Francois I, who paid $360 a yard for his coveted cloth of gold?—New York Post.



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Statement of ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK, Wilmington, N. C.

At the close of Business Dec. 1st, 1898. Condensed from Report to Comptroller.

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans	$532,283 50	Capital	$125,000 00
Overdrafts secured by collateral	10,490 58	Surplus	70,000 00
Overdrafts unsecured	277 33	Undivided profits	19,584 91
U. S. Bonds (at par)	95,600 00	Circulation	49,950 00
Banking House and Fixtures	10,000 00	Deposits, U. S. Treasurer $ 50,000 00	
Due from app'd reserve agts	$156,145 53	" from banks 180,307 30	
Due from other Banks	$165,220 57	" Individuals 666,582 86-906,709 56	
Cash on hand	65,179 27-886,542 16		
Total	$1,162,983 57	Total	$1,162,983 57

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT:

	Dec. 1, '97.	Dec. 1, '98.
Total Deposits	$575,000	$906,709
Surplus and Net Profits	79,100	89,500

Dividends paid—8 per cent. per annum.

Last Instalment of Capital paid in October, 1898. de 2 tf

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Condensed Schedule.

In Effect November 20th, 1898.

NORTH BOUND.	No. 2 DAILY.
Leave Wilmington	8 50 A. M.
Arrive Fayetteville	12 00 M.
Leave Fayetteville	12 20 P. M.
Leave Fayetteville Junction	12 38 "
Leave Sanford	1 50 "
Leave Climax	3 44 "
Arrive Greensboro	4 15 "
Leave Greensboro	4 25 "
Leave Stokesdale	5 12 "
Leave Walnut Cove	5 41 "
Leave Rural Hall	6 13 "
Arrive Mt. Airy	7 25 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 1 DAILY.
Leave Mt. Airy	8 45 A. M.
Leave Rural Hall	10 09 "
Leave Walnut Cove	10 36 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 07 "
Arrive Greensboro	11 55 "
Leave Greensboro	12 13 P. M.
Leave Climax	12 42 "
Leave Sanford	2 30 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction	3 49 "
Arrive Fayetteville	3 52 "
Leave Fayetteville	4 02 "
Arrive Wilmington	7 05 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 4 DAILY.
Leave Bennettsville	8 00 A. M.
Arrive Maxton	9 03 "
Leave Maxton	9 07 "
Leave Red Springs	9 35 "
Leave Hope Mills	10 30 "
Arrive Fayetteville	10 40 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 3. DAILY.
Leave Fayetteville	4 38 P. M.
Leave Hope Mills	4 52 "
Leave Red Springs	5 35 "
Arrive Maxton	6 09 "
Leave Maxton	6 15 "
Arrive Bennettsville	7 15 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 16. Mixed Daily Ex. Sunday.
Leave Ramseur	6 40 A. M.
Leave Climax	8 30 "
Arrive Greensboro	9 17 "
Leave Greensboro	9 55 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 07 "
Arrive Madison	11 55 "

SOUTH BOMND.	No. 15. Mixed Daily Ex. Sunday.
Leave Madison	12 30 P. M.
Leave Stokesdale	1 15 "
Arrive Greensboro	2 30 "
Leave Greensboro	3 00 "
Leave Climax	3 50 "
Arrive Ramseur	5 30 "

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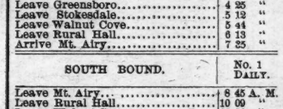

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ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule In Effect Nov. 20, 1898.

DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTH BOUND.

DAILY 9.45 A. M. — No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11.19 A. M., Warsaw 11 34 A. M., Goldsboro 12.30 A. M., Wilson 1.16 P. M., Rocky Mount 1.53 P. M., Tarboro 2.31 P. M., Weldon 4.23 P. M., Petersburg 5.21 P. M., Richmond 7.30 P. M., Norfolk 5.55 P. M., Washington 11.30 P. M., Baltimore 1.40 A. M., Philadelphia 3.5) A. M., New York 6.58 A. M., †Boston 3.00 P. M.

DAILY 7.15 P. M. — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.49 P. M., Warsaw 9.08 P. M., Goldsboro 10.00 P. M., Wilson 10.48 P. M., †Tarboro 6.40 A. M., Rocky Mount 11 35 P. M. Weldon 12.80 A. M., †Norfolk 10.05 A. M., Petersburg 2.35 A. M., Richmond 3.33 A. M., Washington 7 01 A. M., Baltimore 8.23 A. M., Philadelphia 10 35 A. M., New York 1.03 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M.

DAILY except sunday 2.25 P. M. — No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.13 P. M., Newbern 5.40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND

DAILY 3.45 P. M. — No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.56 P. M., Chadbourn 5.38 P. M., Marion 6 34 P. M., Florence 7.15 P. M., Sumter 8.57 P. M., Columbia 10.20 P. M., Denmark 6.19 A. M., Augusta 7.55 A. M., Macon 11.15 A. M., Atlanta 12.35 P. M., Charleston 1.50 P. M., Savannah 1.50 A. M., Jacksonville 7.30 A. M., St. Augustine 10.30 A. M. Tampa 6.05 P. M.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.45 P. M. — No. 49—Passenger—Leave Boston †1.03 P. M., New York *9 00 P. M., Philadelphia 12.05 A. M., Baltimore 2.50 A. M., Washington 4 30 A. M., Richmond 9 05 A. M., Petersburg 10.00 A. M., Norfolk 9.00 A. M., Weldon 11.50 A. M., Tarboro 12.21 P. M., Rocky Mount 1.00 P. M., Wilson 2.35 P. M., Goldsboro 3.16 P. M., Warsaw 4 07 P. M., Magnolia 4.30 P. M.

DAILY 9.30 A. M. — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.30 A. M., Philadelphia 12 09 P. M., Baltimore 2.25 P. M., Washington 3.46 P. M., Richmond 7.30 P. M., Petersburg 8.13 P. M., †Norfolk 2.30 P. M., Weldon 9.43 P. M., †Tarboro 6.00 P. M., Rocky Mount 5.40 A. M. Leave Wilson 6.22 A. M., Goldsboro 7.01 A. M., Warsaw 7.53 A. M., Magnolia 8.08 A. M.

DAILY except Sunday 9.00 A. M. — No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9.00 A. M., Jacksonville 10.26 A. M.

Sunday 12.15 P. M. — FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.25 P. M. — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8.10 A. M., Sanford 3.07 P. M., Jacksonville 8.00 P. M., Savannah 1.45 A. M., Charleston 6.33 A. M., Atlanta 7.50 A. M., Macon 9.00 A. M., Augusta 2.30 P. M., Denmark 4.17 P. M Columbia 6.50 A. M., Sumter 8.15 A. M Florence 10.00 A. M., Marion 10.40 A. M., Chadbourn 11.44 A. M., Lake Waccamaw 12.18 A. M.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3.55 P. M., Halifax 4.15 P. M.; arrive Scotland Neck 5.08 P. M., Greenville 6.57 P. M. Kinston 7 55 P. M. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.50 A. M., Greenville 8.59 A. M.; arriving Halifax at 11.18 A. m., Weldon 11.35 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.20 A. M. and 2.30 P. M.; arrive Parmele 9.10 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.; returning leaves Parmele 9.35 A. M. and 6.30 P. M.; arrives Washington 11.00 A. M. and 7.20 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 P. M.; Sunday, 4.15 P. M.; arrives Plymouth 7.40 P. M. and 6.10 P. M. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7.50 A. M. and Sunday 9.00 A. M.; arrive Tarboro 10.05 A. M. and 11 00 A. M.

Train on Midland N. C. Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday 7.01 A. M.; arrives Smithfield, N. C., 8.10 A. M. Returning leaves Smithfield 9.00 A. M.; arrives Goldsboro 10.25 A. M.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 9.30 A. M., 3.40 P. M.; arrives Nashville 10 10 A. M., 4.03 P. M.. Spring Hope 10.40 A. M., 4.35 P. M. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 11 00 A. M., 4.55 P. M. Nashville 11 22 A. M.; 5.25 P. M., arrives at Rocky Mount †1.45 A. M., 6.00 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton, daily except Sunday, at 11.40 A. M. and 4.15 P. M. Returning, leave Clinton at 7.00 A. M. and 3.00 P. M.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 10.12 A. M., arrive Latta 10 32 A. M., Dillon 10.44 A. M., Rowland 11.01 A. M. Returning, leaves Rowland 6.00 P. M.; arrives Dillon 6.10 P. M., Latta 6.35 P. M., Pee Dee 7 00 P. M., daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 10.35 A. M., Chadbourn 1.35 P. M.; arrive Conway 11.00 P. M.; leave Conway 2.45 P. M., Chadbourn 5.30 P. M.; arrive Hub 6.10 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 5.13 P. M., Manning 5.41 P. M.; arrive Lane's 6.17 P. M.; leave Lane's 8.54 A. M., Manning 9.09 A. M.; arrive Sumter 9.40 A. M. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lane's 9.30 A. M., 7.40 P. M.; arrive Georgetown 12.00 M., 9.00 P. M.; leave Georgetown 7.00 A. M., 8.30 P. M.; arrive Lane's 8.25 A. M.; 5.55 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence daily except Sunday at 9.50 A. M.; arrive Darlington 10.15 A. M., Cheraw 11.30 A. M., Wadesboro 2.35 P. M.; leave Florence daily except Sunday at 7.55 P. M.; arrive Darlington 8.20 P. M., Hartsville 9.15 P. M., Bennettsville 9.15 P. M., Gibson 9.45 P. M. Leave Florence Sunday only 9.50 A. M., arrive Darlington 10.15 A. M.

Leave Gibson daily except Sunday at 6.48 A. M. Bennettsville 7.10 A. M.; arrive Darlington 8.02 A. M. Leave Darlington 8.50 A. M.; arrive Florence 9

The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SATURDAY MORNING, DEC. 17,

COL. BRYAN IN WASHINGTON.

Visited the House of Representatives—His Views to Duty of Congress Relative to the Philippines.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 16.—William J. Bryan came to the House of Representatives about 1 o'clock to-day and was given a most cordial reception by his former colleagues in Congress. Earlier in the day Representative Bailey, of Texas, the Democratic leader, breakfasted with Mr. Bryan at the latter's room, and it is understood they discussed, in a general way, questions of public and party policy. When Mr. Bryan reached the House he was escorted to the Democratic cloak room, where he was surrounded by members and made the recipient of many attentions. For some time he talked socially and politically with that unreserve which marks cloak-room discussions.

Col. Bryan expressed himself very emphatically to his Democratic associates upon the duty of Congress in regard to the Philippines. He believes that the islands ought not to be held longer than is necessary for the United States to establish there a stable and independent government, such as was guaranteed to Cuba in the resolution which led to the declaration of war, and he believes it is the duty of Congress to make a declaration of the intention of the United States at the earliest possible date, in order that there may be no misunderstanding in the future and that the natives of the islands may rest assured that the purpose of the United States is to give them a free and independent government. The war was fought for humanity's sake, he says, and the United States, in the hour of victory at the close of the war, when the Philippines have fallen into their possession, should stand upon the policy it proclaimed at the outset regarding Cuba.

UNDER STARS AND STRIPES.

Confederate and Federal Veterans In Savannah, Ga., Will Unite in a Greeting to President McKinley.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SAVANNAH, GA., Dec. 16.—President McKinley will be greeted here to-morrow by a joint delegation from the local camps of Confederate veterans and the Grand Army of the Republic. This will be the first occasion on which the two bodies have acted together. It is in response to the President's speech in Atlanta in which he paid a tribute to the dead heroes of the Confederacy and advocated that hereafter the graves of the dead of the civil war should, be considered as the resting places of American heroes, without distinction as to the color of their uniforms. Calls for meetings of Hancock Post, G. A. R., and the Confederate Veterans, were published this afternoon. It is intended that the organizations should meet the President's train together under the stars and stripes. The meeting was called to be held in the hall of the Confederate veterans. To night ex-Union and ex Confederate soldiers met together and passed resolutions commending the President's utterances and pledging hearty sympathy. The call was too late for a full meeting, but it was resolved that the veterans would call upon the President in a body during his visit and assure him of their concurrence in his suggestion and appreciation of the spirit which suggested it.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Bill to Incorporate American International Bank Defeated—Bill Concerning Hawaii Passed.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The bill to incorporate the International American Bank was buried under an overwhelming majority of the House today.

The debate upon the measure, which opened yesterday, was concluded today at 3 o'clock. Mr. Dingley, the floor leader of the minority made an agument in its support. Other speakers to-day were Hill, of Connecticut, in its support, and Messrs. Bell, Populist, Colorado; Sulzer, Democrat, New York; Maxwell, Populist, and Swanson, Democrat, Virginia, in response.

The bill to extend the customs and revenue laws of the United States over the Hawaiian Islands was passed without opposition. The bill, Mr. Dingley explained, carried with it the civil service laws relating to appointments in the customs and revenue services in Hawaii. The House, at 4:20, adjourned until to-morrow.

DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Steamer Cape Charles, Belonging to the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railroad.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NORFOLK, VA., December 16.—The new steamer Cape Charles, belonging to the New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk Railroad, was totally destroyed by fire about 9 o'clock to-night, while lying at her pier, Pinners Point, Norfolk harbor. No lives were lost. The captain, officers and crew were the only people on the vessel, which was a fine propeller, built by the Delaware River Construction Company of Chester, Penn.

The loss is estimated at $100,000, fully covered by insurance placed by the railway company when they accepted her. The Cape Charles was intended for passengers and freight between Norfolk and Cape Charles city, Va., where connection was made with the New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk Railroad for the North. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Jim Anderson, a negro, who fatally wounded Cicero Wright, a constable of Fredona, Ala., was lynched near Lanett, Ala., last night. The negro who had been placed under arrest for stealing overpowered Wright, beat him into insensibility and rifled his pockets.

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THE PRESIDENT'S SOUTHERN TOUR.

Visits Montgomery and the Colored Normal School at Tuskegee, Alabama.

A KINDLY TALK TO THE PUPILS

Enthusiastic Reception at Montgomery. Speeches by the President, Gov. Johnston and Others—President Leaves for Savannah.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

TUSKEGEE, ALA., December 16.—President McKinley to-day visited the Tuskegee Normal School and addressed its pupils. Two hours before the President's train reached here a special train brought the members of the Alabama Legislature and a large crowd from Montgomery.

A procession formed at Tuskegee depot and marched through the city on its way to the Normal. The President's carriage was drawn by four beautiful bays. In the carriage with the President were Governor Johnston of Alabama, Colonel Foster of Tuskegee, and Booker T. Washington. In the other carriages were Mrs. McKinley and other ladies of the President's party, members of the cabinet and Generals Wheeler, Shafter and Lawton. At the entrance to the Normal School grounds was a beautiful arch inscribed, "Welcome to the Chief," and decorations of bunting, holly and moss, and products of the field, were scattered in profusion along the road through the grounds.

The President and party first reviewed more than six hundred boys and three hundred girls of the Normal School and two hundred children of the training school. After the procession, all followed the President to the beautiful chapel. About three thousand people gained admittance.

Booker T. Washington, the principal, introduced Governor Johnston.

Speech of Booker T. Washington.

"On this occasion, I do not trust myself to give expression to the feelings that fill the hearts of every white man and men of the South because of that fact that the President of the United States, who has the deepest place in the hearts of every citizen, high and low, the members of his cabinet, the Governor of Alabama, the State Legislature together with other distinguished citizens including our own brave and good hearted General Joe Wheeler, should lay aside their immediate duties and responsibilities to pay a visit to the towno f Tuskegee and to this institution.

"We welcome you all to this spot, where without racial bitterness, but with sympathy and friendship, with the aid of the State, with the aid of black men and white men, with Southern help and with Northern help, we are trying to assist the nation in working out one of the greatest problems ever given to men to solve.

"In the presence of the chief magistrate of the nation. I am glad to testify that in our efforts to teach our people to put brains and skill and dignity into the common occupations of life, we have not only the tactive help of all classes of citizens in the little town of Tuskegee, but of the best people of the South.

"Said our present Governor, in his recent message to the Legislature: 'Every dollar given to the cause of education becomes invested capital that cannot be lost or destroyed, but will continue to pay dividends from one generation to another.'

"These are the words. This is the spirit that governs the action of the present Governor of Alabama, and I am sure that no one can more fitly welcome our distinguished guest to the State than Governor Johnston, whom I take great pleasure in introducing."

Governor Johnston introduced the President, who delivered an address.

President McKinley's Speech.

"Teachers and Pupils of Tuskegee: To meet you under such pleasant auspices, to have the opportunity of a personal observation of your work, is especially gratifying. The Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute is ideal in conception, and has already a large and growing reputation in the country and is not unknown abroad. I congratulate all who are connected with this undertaking for the good work which it is doing in the education of its students to lead lives of usefulness and honor, thus exalting the race for which it was established.

"Nowhere, I think, could a more delightful location have been chosen for this unique educational experiment which has attracted the attention and won the support even of conservative philanthropists in all sections of the country.

To speak of Tuskegee without paying special tribute to Booker T. Washington's genius and perservance would be impossible. The inception of this noble enterprise was his and he deserves high credit for it. His was the enthusiasm and enterprise which made its steady progress possible and established in the institution its present high standard of accomplishment. He has won a worthy reputation as one of the great leaders of his race, widely known and much respected at home and abroad as an accomplished educator, a good orator and a true philanthropist.

"What steady and gratifying advances have been made during the past fifteen years, a personal inspection of the material equipment strikingly proves. The fundamental plan of the original undertaking has been steadily followed; but new features have been added; gaps in the course of instruction have been filled in; the patronage and resources have been largely increased until even the legislative department of the State of Alabama recognized the worth of the work and of the great opportunities here afforded. From one small frame house the institute has grown until it includes the fine group of dormitories, recitation room, lecture halls and workshops, which have so surprised and delighted us to-day. A thousand students, I am told, are here cared for nearly a hundred teachers, altogether forming with the preparatory department, a symmetrical scholastic community which has been well called a model for the industrial colored schools of the South. Certain it is that a pupil bent on fiting himself or herelf for mechanical work can here have the widest choice of useful and domestic occupations.

"One thing I like about this institution is that its policy has been generous and progressive. It is not so self centered or interested in its own pursuits and ambitions as to ignore what is going on in the rest of the country or make it difficult for outsiders to share the local advantages. I allude especially to the spirit in which the annual conferences have been here held by leading colored citizens and educators with the intention of improving the condition of their less fortunate brothers and sisters. Here, we can see is an immense field, and one which cannot too soon or too carefully be utilized. The conferences have grown in popularity, and are well calculated not only to encourage colored men and colored women in their individual efforts, but to cultivate and promote an amicable relationship between the two races—a problem whose solution was never more needed than at the present time. Patience, moderation, self-control, knowledge and character will surely win you victories and realize the best aspirations of your people. An evidence of the soundness of the purpose of this institution is that those in charge of its management evidently do not believe in attempting the unattainable, and their instruction in self-reliance and practical industry is most valuable.

"In the day and night schools many branches can be taught, at small expense, which will give the man and the woman who have mastered them immediate employment and secure their success afterward, provided they abide by the principles of industry, morality and reigion here inculcated. In common with the Hampton Institute in Virginia, the Tuskegee Institute has been and is to-day of inestimable value in sowing the seeds of good citizenship. Institutions of their standing and worthy patronage form a steadier and more powerful agency for the good of all concerned than any yet proposed or suggested. The practical is associated with the academic, which encourages both learning and industry. Here you learn to master yourselves, find the best adaptation of your faculties with advantages for advancement, learning to meet the high duties of life. No country, epoch, or race has a monopoly upon knowledge. Some have easier, but not necessarily better opportunities for self developement. What a few can obtain free, most have to pay for, perhaps by hard physical labor, mental struggle and self denial. But in this great country all can have the opportunity for bettering themselves, provided they exercise intelligence and perservance and their motives and conduct are worthy. Nowhere are such facilities for universal education found as in the United States. They are accessible to every boy and girl, white or black. Integrity and industry are the best possessions which any man can have, and every man can have them. Nobody can give them to him or take them from him. He cannot acquire them by inheritance; he cannot buy them, or beg them, or borrow them. They belong to the individual and are his unquestioned property. He alone can part with them. They are a good thing to have and to keep. They make happy homes; they achieve success in every walk of life; they have won the greatest triumphs for mankind. No man who has them ever gets into the police court, or before the grand jury, or in the workhouse, or the chain gang. They give one moral and material power. They will bring you a comfortable living, make you respect yourself and command the respect of your fellows. They are indispensable to success. They are invincible. The merchant requires the clerk whom he employs to have them. The railroad corporation inquires whether the man seeking employment possesses them. Every avenue of human endeavor welcomes them. They are the only keys to open with certainty the door of opportunity to struggling manhood. Employment waits on them; capital requires them; citizenship is not good without them. If you don't already have them, get them.

"To tne pupils assembled here I extend my congratulations that facilities for advancement afforded to them are so numerous and so inviting. Others who have gone before you have made great sacrificies to reach the present results. What you do will affect not only those who come after you here, but many men and women whom you may never meet. The results of your training and work here will eventually be felt, either directly or indirectly in nearly every part of the country.

"Most of you are young, and youth is the time best fitted for the development both of the body and the mind. Whatever you do, do with all your might, with will and purpose, not of the selfish kind, but looking to the benefit of your race and your country. In comparing the past with the present, you should be especially grateful that it has been your good fortune to come within the influences of such an institution as Tuskegee, and that you are under the guidance of such a strong leader. I thank him most cordially for the pleasure of visiting this institution, and I bring to all here associated my good will and the best wishes of your countrymen, wishing you the realization of success in whatever undertakings you may hereafter engage in."

At Montgomery.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., Dec. 16.—The President and his party were given a magnificent welcome in the Confederacy's first capital to-day. The President's train was escorted from Atlanta to Tuskegee and thence here by the State Assembly, Governor Johnson, Chief Justice McClellan and a party of ladies. The Assembly's train came in ahead of the President's. At the union station the Presidential party was met by the Governor, committees of the Assembly, the mayor and city council, and the Commercial and Industrial Association. Mayor Clisby received the President with a well-worded speech at the station. The whole party was then taken in carriages through the leading business and residence streets to the old Confederate capitol. The entire route was ablaze with national colors, while tremendous crowds lined the streets as far as the eye could reach. No such gathering has been seen here since Mr. Cleveland's visit during his first term. Capitol Hill was one mass of humanity when the line of carriages, escorted by the local military companies, reached it at 3 o'clock.

When Governor Johnston escorted President McKinley into the hall there was a tremendous demonstration. Governor Johnston made a brief speech, in which he took occasion to say that Alabama had nothing to take back for what she did in 1861, but that she was back in the Union to stay and that she welcomed the President of the re-united country to the historic spot around the assemblage.

The President's Response.

"The warm-hearted welcome which has been given to me by the citizens of Alabama has deeply touched me, and in return for it I cannot find language to express my gratitude and appreciation. To be welcomed here in the city of Montgomery, the first capital of the Confederate States, warmly and enthusiastically welcomed as the President of a common country, has filled and thrilled me with emotion. Once the capital of the Confederacy, now the capital of a great and glorious State, one of the indestructible States of an indestructible Union.

"The Governor says he has nothing to take back. We have nothing to take back for having kept you in the Union. We are glad you did not go out and you are glad you stayed in. (Tremendous applause).

"Alabama like all the States of the Union, North and South, has been loyal to the flag and steadfastly devoted to the American nation and to American honor. There never has been in the history of the United States such a demonstration of patriotism from one end of this country to the other as in the year just passing, and never has American valor been more brilliantly illustrated in the battle line, on shore and on the battleship at sea, than by the soldiers and sailors of the United States. Everybody is talking of Hobson, and justly so; but I want to thank mother Hobson in this presence. Everybody is talking about General Wheeler, one of the bravest of the brave, but I want to speak of that sweet little daughter that followed him to Santiago (great applause) and ministered to the sick at Montauk. (Cheers.) I have spoken in many places and at many times of the heroism of the American army and the American navy, but in our recent conflict the whole people were patriots. Two hundred thousand men were called for and a million rushed to get a place in the ranks (great applause) and millions more stood ready if need be. (Prolonged applause.)

"I like the feeling of the American people that we ought not to have a large standing army; but it has been demonstrated in the last few months that we need a standing army large enough to do all the work required while we are at peace, and only rely on the great body of the people in an emergency to help us fight our battles. (Applause.)

"We love peace. We are not a military nation, but whenever the time of peril comes the bulwark of this people rests on the patriotism of its citizens, and this nation will be safe for all time because 75,000,000 of people love it and will give up their lives to sustain and uphold it. (Great applause.)

"I thank you, my fellow citizens, for the generous warmth and wealth of welcome which you have given me to-day, and I shall go back to my duties at our great capitol feeling that we have a united country that acknowledges allegiance to but one authority and will march forever unitedly under one flag, the glorious old stars and stripes." (Tremendous cheering and applause.)

The audience constantly punctuated the President's remarks with the wildest demonstrations of approval, and especially his tribute to Lieutenant Hobson's mother and Gen. Wheeler's daughter.

After the speeches the Presidential party went to the Governor's office where a public reception was held for a half hour. The crush to reach the President was terrific. He next went to meet the colored people at Old Ship church, where a great throng received him enthusiastically. He made a short but forcible speech there. This ended the ceremonies here. The party was conveyed back to the train and at half past six o'clock, amid the boom of cannon, the President left for Savannah.

SAILED FROM SAVANNAH.

Transport Chester With Second Virginia and Officers of Seventh Corps.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SAVANNAH, GA., Dec. 16.—The transport Chester sailed this morning for Marianao, Cuba, carrying Brigadier General Hasbrouck, the headquarters staff of the Second division of the Seventh Army Corps and the Fourth Virginia regiment.

The transports Minnewaska and Roumania arrived from Havana this morning. They will take aboard the Sixty-ninth Iowa and the Sixth Missouri regiments to-morrow, and will probably sail the next day.

At a late hour last night fire was discovered in the coal bunkers of the Roumania. It is thought it had been burning for several days, as fumes of gas had been noted. No damage has been done. Laborers are now at work shifting the coal for the purpose of locating the fire.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

Another Advance in Print Cloths Sheetings and Other Cottons.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 16.—Print cloths have advanced to 2½ cents for regulars; 38½ inch, sixty-four squares, have sold at 3½c, and 39-inch, 68x72, at 3½ cents per yard. Clifton and Glendale brown drills have advanced ⅛c Merrimac, Columbia chambrays, Brazilian and Tartan reds and indigo blues have advanced ⅛c. The tone of the cotton goods market was quite strong and the demand well maintained, despite the higher prices and stocks in first hands hands small for this stage of the season. Advances in wide sheetings are expected. Atlantic 4-4 brown sheetings have advanced 2½ per cent.

COMPARATIVE COTTON STATEMENT

For the Week Ending Friday, Dec. 16, 1898.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The following is the comparative cotton statement for the week ending Dec. 16th:

	1898.	1897.
Net receipts at all U. S ports during the week.....	326,848	389,002
Total receipts to this date.....	5,085,789	4,778,799
Exports for week..	276,192	312,388
Total exports to date.....	3,550,047	3,177,668
Stock in all U. S. ports	1,330,482	1,100,063
Stock at all interior towns.....	684,740	623,573
Stock in Liverpool,	1,158,000	726,000
American afloat for Great Britain...	372,000	360,000

WARM WIRELETS.

The total bank clearings in the United States for the week were $1,691,795,298; per cent. increase 23.4. Exclusive of New York, $610,296,295; per cent. increase 14.9.

Abher Taylor, a white man, was hanged in Macon, Ga., yesterday for the murder of his wife. The execution was private, even the newspaper reporters being excluded.

Four companies of the Tenth Infantry and 125 recruits for the Eighth infantry boarded the steamship Saratoga at Charleston, S. C., yesterday for Havana. The steamer will sail at daylight this morning.

The American members of the Paris peace commission left Paris for Southampton last night. They will sail to-day on the American line steamer St. Louis.

Arthur Lovitt, negro, who killed special constable Beasley September 24th last, while the officer was trying to arrest him for the theft of a pistol, was hanged in the jail yard of the county of Princess Anne, Va.

A shooting affray occurred near Hawkinsville, Ga., in which John James was killed and Base Turner fatally wounded. The young men were first cousins, and had been great friends from their childhood. The affray arose from a dispute at a country party.

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ACTIVITY IN ALL LINES OF TRADE.

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NOTHING LIKE IT IN YEARS.

A Great Boom in the Iron Industry. Prices of Nearly All Leading Staples Advancing—Improved Demand For Export.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 16.—Bradstreet's to-morrow will say:

Likening the general business of the country to that of a water course, it may be authoritatively stated that nearly all the channels of seasonable trade are at the present time running full, and in some lines of business the stream is virtually out of the banks. This is particularly the case in iron and steel, where production and consumptive demand are alike going on at an unprecedented rate; at a time, too, when it is usual to look for quietness and even dullness in the iron and steel industry. Nothing like the activity in this branch of trade has been seen for many years past, if, indeed, it has been equalled. Advices from all the leading centers of iron production are of an exceptionally eager demand for the crude and manufactured products and of advancing prices, the only anxiety expressed being that by buyers desiring early delivery.

In other lines of business the situation as regards prices is a favorable one, notable among the advances reported being nearly all the cereals, cotton, coffee, lumber, copper, lead and a variety of other less prominent staples. Following the slight recession shown in wheat values of last week an improved demand for export has again developed, which is evidence of the fact that stories of keen competition from Argentina and Russia have been more or less discounted, the United States remaining as for some time past the principal source of supply of the world.

Increased interest is being taken in cotton at the advanced price and the situation of the manufactured product has been strengthened by skilful management of the print cloth situation, which in turn has induced a more liberal demand for kindred products for the Spring trade.

Seasonable quietness is reported in the lumber trade, but prices retain all their old strength, and an active demand is looked for with the turn of the year.

Holiday trade is reported extremely active at most markets.

The country's export trade is of the largest volume ever known, that for November surpassing the total for December a year ago, with the indications favoring a total trade for the calendar year at least one-sixth larger than a year ago, and our sales abroad aggregating two dollars for every dollar's worth we buy.

Business failures are about nominal, numbering 233 for the week against 237 last week, 283 in this week a year ago, 359 in 1896, 375 in 1895 and 329 in 1894.

In Canada, 32 this week against 29 last week and 43 last year.

John Harper, colored, who killed Sandy Campbell, white last, Spring, in Chesterfield county, S. C., was hanged at Chesterfield court house. Unusual interest was taken, as it was the first hanging in the county for forty-three years.

A wagon containing eight persons was struck by a train on the Pennsylvania Railroad last night at the Allenwood Crossing, a few miles from Manasquan, N. J. Four were killed, two fatally and two others seriously injured.

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